

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, in this application.

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

8. (withdrawn-currently amended) A method of using a proline specific endoprotease having a pH optimum below 6.5 to hydrolyse a peptide or polypeptide comprising 4 to 40 amino acid residues that is not hydrolysable by subtilisin, the method comprising administering a dietary supplement or a medicament comprised of said proline specific endoprotease for ingestion by a patient in need thereof.

9. (currently amended) A method of using a proline specific endoprotease to hydrolyse at a pH of below 5.5, proline rich peptides which are brought with celiac disease, a disease associated with the occurrence of celiac disease, or a disease caused by a decreased level in a patient's body of proline specific proteases required for breakdown of these peptides, the method comprising administering a dietary supplement or a medicament comprised of said proline specific endoprotease for ingestion by a patient in need thereof.

10. (previously presented) A method of using a proline specific endoprotease to produce food which is devoid of celiac related epitopes, the method comprising digesting food with said proline specific endoprotease.

11. (previously presented) A method of using a proline specific endoprotease having a pH optimum below 6.5, the method comprising administering said proline specific endoprotease for ingestion by a patient in need thereof, whereby the patient suffers from celiac disease, a disease associated with the occurrence of celiac disease, or a disease caused by a decreased level in the patient's body of proline specific proteases.

12. (previously presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the proline specific endoprotease is an *Aspergillus* enzyme.

Claim 13 (canceled)

14. (withdrawn) A method of using a proline specific endoprotease having a pH optimum below 6.5, the method comprising administering a dietary supplement or a medicament comprising said proline specific endoprotease to a patient in need thereof.

Claims 15-17 (canceled)

18. (withdrawn) A method of using a proline specific endoprotease to produce food which is devoid of celiac related epitopes, the method comprising digesting food with said proline specific endoprotease.

19. (withdrawn) A method of using a proline specific endoprotease having a pH optimum below 6.5, the method comprising adding said proline specific endoprotease to a dietary supplement, a medicament or feed.

20. (withdrawn) A method of treatment or prevention of a celiac disease linked disorder, the method comprising administering by oral ingestion a dietary supplement or a medicament comprising a proline specific endoprotease having a pH optimum below 6.5 to a patient in need thereof.

Claims 21-22 (canceled)

23. (new) The method according to claim 9, wherein the proline specific endoprotease is an *Aspergillus* enzyme.

24. (new) The method according to claim 9, wherein the proline specific endoprotease is an *Aspergillus niger* enzyme.

25. (new) The method according to claim 10, wherein the proline specific endoprotease is an *Aspergillus* enzyme.

26. (new) The method according to claim 10, wherein the proline specific endoprotease is an *Aspergillus niger* enzyme.

27. (new) The method according to claim 11, wherein the proline specific endoprotease is an *Aspergillus niger* enzyme.

28. (new) The method according to claim 9, wherein the patient suffers from celiac disease.

29. (new) The method according to claim 11, wherein the patient suffers from celiac disease.

30. (new) The method according to claim 9, wherein the patient is gluten sensitive.

31. (new) The method according to claim 11, wherein the patient is gluten sensitive.